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Applicants: L.W. Graham et al. Attorney Docket No: SEMT116060  
Application No: 09/429,446 Group Art Unit: 1741  
Filed: October 28, 1999 Examiner: W.T. Leader  
Title: METHOD, CHEMISTRY, AND APPARATUS FOR NOBLE METAL  
ELECTROPLATING ON A MICROELECTRONIC WORKPIECE

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER/  
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- X   1. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.  
       2. The claim fee has been calculated as shown below.

**COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED**

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	20	-	43	=	0	x	18	=	0
Independent Claims	1	-	7	=	0	x	84	=	0
TOTAL									\$0

B. Request for Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully request that the shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action dated February 26, 2002, set to expire on May 26, 2002, be extended by 3 months, to expire on August 26, 2002. The enclosed check includes the 3-month extension fee of \$920.00.

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C. Fees Enclosed

Enclosed is our Check No. 141348 in the amount of \$920.00 to cover the amendment claim fee and request for extension of time fee.

D. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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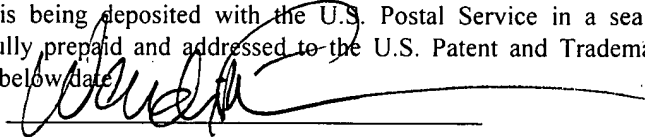
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